ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Claims

Following herewith is a complete listing of the claims, including a marked copy of the currently amended claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of writing information to a storage device, the method implemented in the storage device comprising:

receiving a dual write command to write information to the storage device;

determining two locations to write the information;

performing a single reading of the information to be written into a read buffer;

writing the information to both of the two locations based on the single reading of the information;

wherein the read buffer is not cleared between the writing of the information to both of the two locations;

wherein one of the two locations is within a reserve area of the storage device; and

wherein the reserve area is not accessible to a user.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein one of said two locations is determined based on an address spread within the dual write command.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the information to be read is associated with a bit flag designating a dual write operation.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the information to be read is proceeded by a file header designating a dual write operation.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the two locations are determined based upon a percentage of an address size of the storage device.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the storage device comprises a disk drive.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the dual write command is a hard drive firmware command.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the two locations comprise a first location and a second location based, the second location being upon a calculation performed on the first location.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information is written to both of the locations during a same write cycle.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein writing the information to both locations comprises writing the information to a plurality of locations comprising both locations and at least one other location.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of writing information to a single disk drive storage device, the method comprising:

    receiving a command to write information to the single disk drive storage device;

    determining if the command is a dual write command;

    if the command is a dual write command;

    determining two locations on the single disk drive storage device to write the information;

    reading the information to be written into a read buffer; and

    writing the information to both of the two locations on the single disk drive storage device based upon a single reading of the information,

    said locations being determined based on an address spread within the dual

write command.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein a read buffer of the storage device is not cleared between the writing of information to both of the two locations.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein one location is within a reserve area of the storage device which is not accessible to a user.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein data is first written into a location having a lower address than the location at which the data is written a second time.

20-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method of writing information to a storage device, the method implemented in the storage device comprising:

　　receiving a dual write command to write information to the storage device;

　　determining two locations to write the information;

　　performing a single reading of the information to be written into a read buffer;

　　writing the information to both of the two locations based on the single reading of the information;

　　wherein the read buffer is not cleared between the writing of the information to both of the two locations; and;

　　wherein the information to be read is preceded by a file header designating a dual write operation.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of writing information, the method implemented in the storage device comprising:

receiving a dual write command to write information to the storage device;

determining two locations to write the information;

performing a single reading of the information to be written into a read buffer;

writing the information to both of the two locations based on the single reading of the information; and

wherein the two locations are determined based upon a percentage of an address size of the storage device.

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